between demand and indigenous availability. During the year 1994-95, 11.70 lakh tonnes of Urea has been imported at a C&F cost of Rs. 583.64 crores till October 1994. Necessary arrangements have been made to meet the demand of Urea in accordance with the allocation made under the Essential Commodities Act by maximising the indigenous production & imports during the period of peak consumption.

.; an Fertilizers Cor. und Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) are the two producing Public Sector ch have been declared sick ■nies by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, BIFR is evaluating all available alternatives for revival of these companies. The unit-wiseleompany-wise requirement of funds for revival would depend upon the revival plan to be approved by BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial authority. In the meantime, to enable HFC and FCI to continue operations upto March, 1995, Government have sanctioned additional non-plan support of Rs. 109.75 crores.

**Subsidy to fertilizer units in Gujarat**

271. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy given to fertilizer units in Gujarat during 1993-94;

(b) whether Government have paid subsidy to the fertilizer units in the State for the year 1994-95; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the subsidy is likely to be paid to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) During 1993-94 an amount of Rs. 509.23 crores was paid as subsidy to the various ... fer units located in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) A provision of Rs. 3500 crores has been made in the budget for 1994-95 for payment of subsidy on indigenous fertilizers. Out of this, the subsidy to be paid to the units in Gujarat would depend on their levels of production during the year. No state-wise allocation of subsidy is made in the budget. However, upto 30-11-1994 an amount of Rs. 319.50 crores had been paid as subsidy to the fertilizer units located in Gujarat.

**Betamethasone Di-sodium phosphate**

272. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: **Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

**(a) when did the validity of exemption expire in respect of Betamethasone Di-sodium phosphate and what was its price before exemption and what is its price now;**

**(b) what was the price of formulations based on Betamethasone Di-sodium phosphate before exemption and what is their price now and what has been the production of Betamethasone Di-sodium phosphate during the past three years, year-wise;**

**(c) whether it is a fact that the price of Betamethasone Di-sodium phosphate and its formulations have not been fixed even after the exemption from price control;**

**(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and**

**(e) when was the production of Betamethasone Di-sodium phosphate commenced by the company and is it a fact that the Ministry granted exemption after 20 years, if so, the circumstances and detailed reasons?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The exemption from price control granted to M/s. Glaxo India Ltd. on 28-12-92 in respect of bulk drug Betamethasone Di-sodium Phosphate and its formulations has not expired. Before granting exemption from price control, the notified prices of this bulk drug and its formulations were as indicated below:—

| S. No. | Name of Drug | Price Rs. Ps. | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Betamethasone Di-sodium Phos. | 149.29 | Gm. |
| *2. | Betamethasone Sodium Inj. 4 mg./ml | 10.11 | 3x1ml. Amp. |
| 3. | Betamethasone Sod. Tabs. 0.5 mg./Tabs. | 2.93 | 10's Strip |
| 4. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. Tabs. 1 mg. | 5.62 | 10's Strip |
| 5. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. Eye/Ear Drops | 5.61 | 5 ml. Vial |
| 6. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. 0.1% 5 ml with Neomycin Sod. 0.5% Eye/Ear Drops | 5.76 | 5 ml. Via |
| 7. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. Eye Ointment 0.1% Tube | 4.08 | gm Tube |
| 8. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. 0.1% with Neomycin Sod. Eye Ointment | 4.22 | 5 gm Tube |
| 9. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. and Drops 0.5 mg/ml. | 6.69 | 15 ml. Bot. |
| 10. | Betamethasone Sod. Phos. and Drops 0.5 mg/ml. | 4.96 | 10 ml. with Droper |

(*)Note : Ceiling packs notified in the Official Gazette.

As the period of exemption has not expired, price of bulk drug Betamethasone Di-sodium Phos. and its formulations has not been fixed/ revised after 28-12-1992.

The production figures of bulk drug Betamethasone Di-sodium Phos. during the last three years are as indicated below:

| Year | Kgs. |
|---|---|
| April, 91—March, 92 | 783.382 |
| April, 92—March, 93 | 1097.590 |
| April, 93—June, 94 (15 mths.) | 1291.720 |

The commercial production of S Betamethasone Discodium phos. using the modified process through own indigenous R&D efforts was tmenced by M/s Glaxo India Ltd. on 1.1.1890.

**i rices of, Parachlorometxyleno], D>xy-dine and other drugs**

273. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD; SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to re. fer to the answer to Unstarred Ques. 1369 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August^ 1994 and state:

(a) what action has the Ministry taken on the recommendation of the BICP in respect of Doxycycline, Nal- Acid, Paratihlorometxyleno^ Framycetin Sulphate and other drugs where prices have not been notified;

(b) when was the recommendation of the BICP in respect of each of the above drugs received and at what it stands at present;

(c) when did validity of exemption of Glipizic[1]. and Povidine Iodine expire and what steps have been taken to fix their prices; and

(d) what was the price of Cemiti. dine and Verapamilon which the formulation prices were based in September, 1987, when were the formulation prices revised thereafter and on what price of the bulk drugs are they based at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUAR-DO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The prices of all hese four bulk drugg have since been notified.

(c) The validity periods of exem. ption from price control in respect of bulk drugs Glipizide and Povidine Iodine have not expired.

(d) Under DPCO 1987, the prices of Cemitiding formulations and Verapamil formulations were fixed in Juno; 1988 and November; 1989 res. put-lively which were based on the weighted average landed cost uf imported bulk drugs.The prices of Cemi-tidine formulations have not been re. vised. The prices of Verapamil formulations were revised downward in 1994 based on the weighted *i* coat of Rs. 8354.24 kg. of imported bulk-drug.

**Cost of Fumycin Cap**

274. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fumycin Capsules are being sold at almost far times than the other brands of similar formulations of other companies;

(b) if so, what is the price J' each strength and pack of Fumycin capsule and I.V. Injection and what is the price of each of other companies;

(c) what is the MAPE taken by the producer of Fumycin and what is the bulk drug involved;

(d) who is the producer of Fumycin brand of formulation and what is the composition of each and what price of bulk drug is taken;

(e) whether it is a fact that these formulations are out of price control if so; whether the Ministry has exa. mined tho break up as required under DPCO; and

(f) if so; what is Govt's reacti< and what steps are being taken • stop over profiteering?